**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Higher Education – MoU with edX LLC – Modalities for taking forward the collaboration for integrating edX online courses with University curriculum and making it available for all the students pursuing higher education in Andhra Pradesh – Constitution of a State Level Committee – Orders - issued.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION (UE) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.206** **Dated:29.11.2023**

**Read the following:-**

1. Presentation to Hon'ble CM on edX, dated:27.07.2023
2. Hon'ble CM Review meeting dated:14.08.2023
3. MoU between Higher Education Dept and edX LLC dated: 17.08.2023
4. Hon'ble CM Review meeting dated:17.08.2023
5. From the Secretary, APSCHE Lr.No.APSCHE/Secy/Report on Edx LLC/2023, Dt.14.09.2023 and subsequent letters & e-mails on the subject.
6. Hon'ble CM Review meeting dated:14.11.2023.

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**ORDER**:-

The Government of Andhra Pradesh introduced impactful reforms in education over 4 years, introducing online verticals, internships and job-oriented 4-year degrees etc., The Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed staying current with technology, urging advancements in teaching methods and content, especially in AI, ML, data analytics, VR, AR, cloud and quantum computing.

2. To address the shortage of skilled faculty and quality content in this regard, a non-financial MOU with edX LLC, vide the reference 3rd read above, was initiated by the Higher Education Department, with an ambition for providing top-tier educational resources and globally renowned faculty to Andhra Pradesh students.

3. During the review meeting vide the reference 4th read above, it was decided to bring a proposal for consideration of Council of Ministers to implement this agreement so that edX's courses from institutions like MIT and Harvard will integrate with the University curriculum, granting credits and certifications to higher education students in the state.

4. As such, during the review meeting vide the reference 6th read above in the presence of Special Chief Secretary to CM, Secretary to CM, Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Principal Secretary (School Education), Secretary (Finance) and Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education,

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on tie-up with edX , it is decided to constitute a State Level Committee with the following Officers:-

| Name & Designation | |
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| Dr.K.S Jawahar Reddy, Chief Secretary to Govt., | Chairperson |
| Sri J. Syamala Rao, Principal Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Dept. | Member-Convenor |
| Sri Praveen Prakash, Principal Secretary to Govt., School Education Dept. | Members |
| Sri N Gulzar, Secretary to Govt., Finance Dept. | |
| Sri Kona Sasidhar, Secretary to Govt., ITE&C Dept. | |
| Sri K Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman, A.P.State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) | |

5. The following are the terms of reference of the committee: -

(a) to examine the merits of edX online courses comparing with other online courses;
(b) to work out modalities for ensuring that edX courses are available to all the students pursuing higher education for credits and certification;
(c) to negotiate with edX LLC for the best possible price and payment terms;
(d) to evolve a road map and methodology for implementation of the project; and
(e) to work out any relevant measure to ensure quality online education for students of Andhra Pradesh, including tie-up with any other agency to ensure quality online education to the students.

6. The Committee shall submit the report within two weeks.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**J.SYAMALA RAO**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
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SECTION OFFICER